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Luis - I think you make a good point but its clear that you and I cannot reach consensus on this issue. Lacking any published guidance that speaks to this issue, I think TASC HQ Program Manager can provide suggestions/advice but I think we in R9 should decide. As you know, I think the model used in R3 is the best approach (i.e. do not choose one single interest group over another when offering TASC services). How about we elevate this within R9 before any pronouncements are made? Are you and Dana free on Thursday? Do you want to participate on the 2:30pm call with the Congressional staffers?

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Craig,

It is being elevated within HQ.

I know that this will make you uncomfortable, but more and more, I am inclined to proceed with the community requests that I have received.

Most simply, because to withhold a service from one group because the other group doesn't want the first to receive that service - well that feels like discrimination to me.

I think that to proceed with our requests for assistance is the right thing to do.

Unless I hear otherwise...

-Luis

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Luis, David -

1. West Hills Neighborhood Council put TASC as a discussion item for their July meeting. Both David C and I told Chris Rowe that EPA would not be attending.
2. Staffers for Feinstein and Waxman want an update regarding our decision-making process on TASC. A call with them is set for July 23 at 2:30pm
3. Dan H called me today and asked for an update on TASC (probably because he saw the West Hills agenda item on this topic). I reiterated that TASC will not go to a single group and brought up the importance of "consensus on topics" from a cross-section of community members. He said that Chris Rowe is impossible to work with and represents Boeing's interest's not community interests. Therefore, in his opinion, you will not find a cross-section of community members willing to work with Chris Rowe.
4. I am going to write up some bullet points that combine ideas Luis's last email but with the importance of putting this back on the community (and not EPA) to sort out.

Luis, have you discussed this issue with the TASC Program Manager in DC?

I will get you, David and Nicole, my draft bullets later today. The final version of these bullets can be used for our call with the congressional

staffers and emails to all interested "applicants" on this topic, and our announcement on this topic at the July 29th Inter-Agency work group.

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